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Dear Antitrust Division:

I am a U.S. citizen writing in regard to the Antitrust settlement proposal with Microsoft.

My number one problem with the proposed settlement is that it does not sufficiently force Microsoft to open their proprietary file formats for competitors to use. Many of these file standards are now industry standards only because of Microsoft's anti-competitive practices.

To allow them to remain secret would be to (1) reward Microsoft for its illegal activity and (2) allow the company to maintain their monopoly.

Thank you,
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